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DEDICATION

To

Mrs. Hazel Kirby Leafgreen

Adviser to the Class of 1948

This Yearbook is affectionately dedicated

It is with sincere gratitude that we, the pupils of 1948, affectionately dedicate this Yearbook to Mrs. Hazel Kirby Leafgreen. Her unfailing efforts as our class adviser, her thoughtful and helpful persistance and her unselfish devotion to the encouragement of our efforts have been our guiding light through our four years of high school. We will never forget Mrs. Leafgreen's gracious personality, and extend to her our best wishes for the future.

YEARBOOK STAFF

Back Row, L. to R.: Kathryn Moseley, Lovina Bradley, Laura Straleau, Laurette Kirchner, Joanne Hartley, Alan Gould, Patsy Whalen, Clair Pezzatti, Ilamay Peterson, Barbara Woodbeck, Ann Macy.

Middle Row, L. to R.: David Ball, James Lecakes, Claire Warner, James Carter, Priscilla Hall, Robert Radocchio, Elaine Mackenzie, Shirley Curtiss, Janet Markham, Roma Weser, David Kirchner.

Front Row, L. to R.: George Cronk, Shirley Martin, William Hartley, Jean Straleau, Theodore Williams, Betty Markham (Editor in Chief), Donald Curtiss, Phoebe Funk, Harley Conklin, Phyllis Agar, Santi Gulotta.

The Yearbook cover was designed and drawn by Theodore R. Williams, Jr., president of the Senior Class.

Editorial

In the April 29th copy of the "Educator's Dispatch" from Washington the following paragraph appeared.

"If the Nation's top conservation official, H. H. Bennett, could teach one class in your school or college for thirty minutes, he would try to get one thought into the students' understanding. He would teach that the farmer who holds a piece of paper marked "deed" is only the temporary steward of any given acre of land. That acre, Dr. Bennett would say, is as much the property of the city dweller in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Atlanta or San Francisco as of the farmer. Productive soil is the concern of everybody because it effects the well-being of everybody."

The foregoing statement applies no more to the tillable land than to the lands which produce our lumber, coal, oil, natural gas, minerals, and similar natural resources which make modern civilization possible.

In spite of imports, we are running behind on fuel oil at the rate of 400,000 barrels per day. And yet, we use our petroleum products as if they were as plentiful as water.

A few of our large lumber companies, and they are pitifully few, have developed policies whereby trees are cut at a rate which does not exceed the rate of growth. For the most part, however, our forests, once seemingly inexhaustable, have been reduced to an alarming point and the slaughter still goes on with little or no concern on the part of the average citizen. Of so little concern are our woodlands that carelessness each year destroys thousands of acres by forest fires.

The same is true for most of our minerals. War is particularly wasteful of these resources. Another world conflict will seriously deplete not only our own country, but the world in general of the reserves needed for the advancement or even the continuance of civilization.

All must become increasingly conscious of the need for conservation, and world peace and cooperation is not a small consideration. The time, money and materials destroyed and wasted by conflict applied to eliminate disease and poverty could prevent a large measure of the suffering in the world.

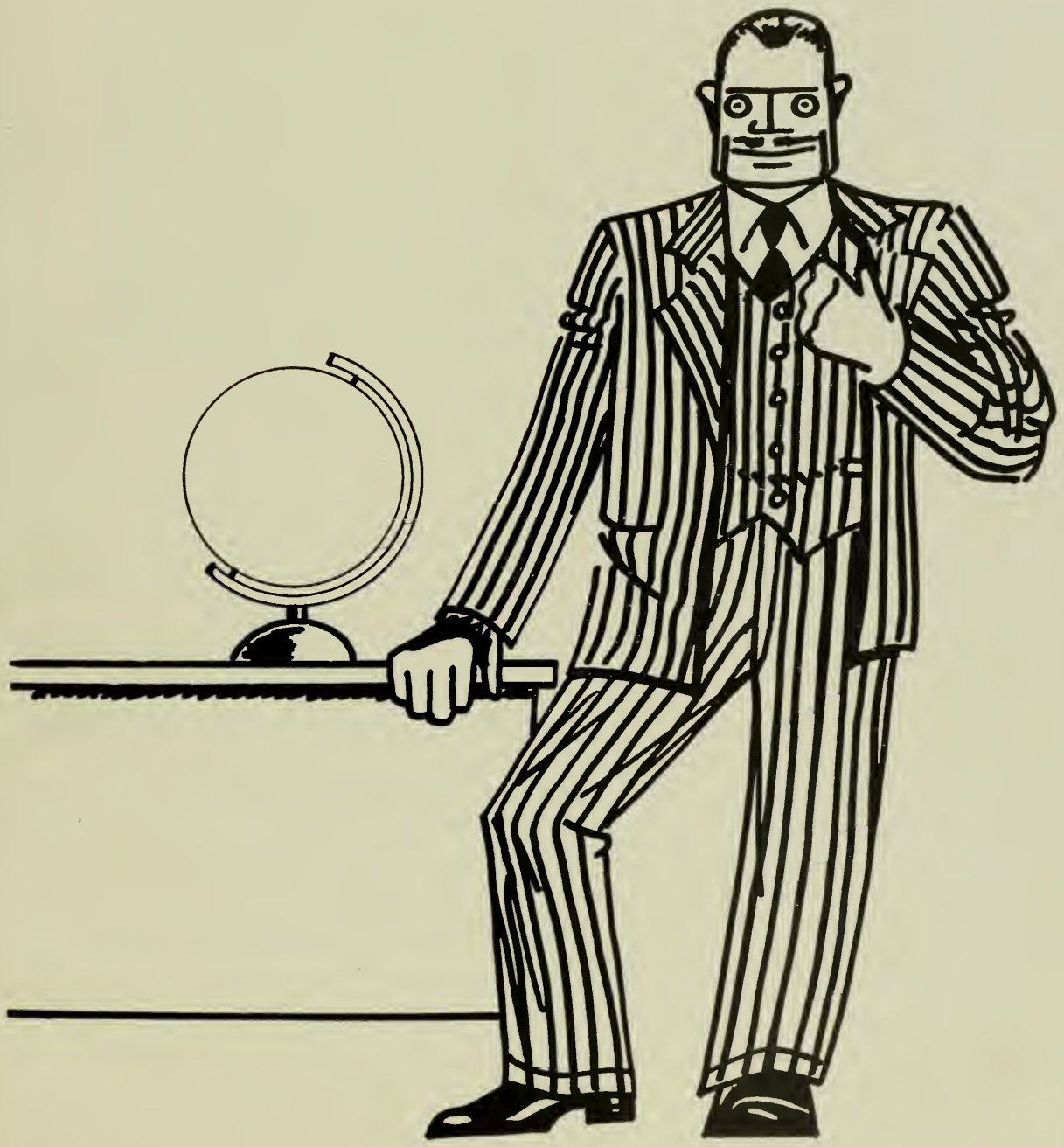
Superintendent of Schools

JOHN SOMES

Class Data

President	Theodore R. Williams, Jr.
Vice-President	Donald F. Curtiss
Secretary-Treasurer	Phoebe M. Funk
Representative	William S. Hartley
Class Colors	Maroon and White
Class Flower	White Rose
Class Motto	"Out of school life into life's school."

Faculty



The Faculty

WILLIAM J. HARTLEY, B.A., University of Maine; M. Ed., Bates College—*Principal, Mathematics and Science*

THEODORE R. WILLIAMS, B.A., Williams College—*Vice-Principal, English and Languages*

JOHN R. McCANN, A.B.A., Nichols Junior College; B.S. in Ed., Boston University—*Social Studies*

HAZEL K. LEAFGREEN, Bay Path—*Commercial*

MARY R. LARKIN, B.A., Our Lady of Elms—*Senior - Junior High*

GLADYS M. RORABACK, State Teachers College, North Adams—*Junior High*

HELEN H. ARMSTRONG, Teachers College, New Britain—*Six Grade*

MARY K. MORRISON, State Teachers College, Hyannis—*Fifth Grade*

JESSIE B. ARMSTRONG, State Teachers College, North Adams—*Fourth Grade*

ESTHER M. MERRITT, Castine Normal School, Castine, Maine—*Third Grade*

ZELIE M. SPAULDING, B.A., Austin College—*Second Grade*

MINA E. BREWER, State Teachers College, Hyannis—*First Grade*

ELSBET WAYNE, B.S., New York University—*Music Supervisor*

FACULTY AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Back Row, L. to R.: John McCann, Helen Armstrong, Mildred Smith, Marion Moesley, Elbert Cane, Zelie Spaulding, Esther Merritt, Gladys Roraback, Theodore Williams.

Front Row, L. to R.: Hazel Leafgreen, Norma Faivre, Mary Larkin, Elsbet Wayne, Jessie Armstrong, William Hartley, Mary Wallace, John Somes, Mary Morrison, Mina Brewer.

Class Officers

SENIOR

President, Theodore R. Williams, Jr. *Secretary-Treas.,* Phoebe M. Funk
Vice-President, Donald F. Curtiss *Representative,* William S. Hartley
Adviser, Mrs. Leafgreen

JUNIOR

President, Harley J. Conklin *Secretary-Treasurer,* James A. Carter
Vice-President, John D. Somes *Representative,* James G. Lecakes
Adviser, Miss Larkin

SOPHOMORE

President, Kathryn M. Moesley *Secretary-Treasurer,* Alan H. Gould
Vice-President, Lovina E. Bradley *Representative,* David L. Ball
Adviser, Mrs. Roraback

FRESHMAN

President, John M. Whalen *Secretary-Treasurer,* Phyllis G. Maynard
Vice-President, Ransler Bartholmew *Representative,* John Bachetti
Adviser, Mr. Hartley

8th GRADE

President, Allan C. Hartley *Secretary-Treasurer,* Verna M. West
Vice-President, George H. Bagnaschi *Representative,* Roland E. Mintz
Adviser, Mr. Williams

7th GRADE

President, Phyllis A. Armstrong *Secretary-Treasurer,* Betty M. Stevens
Vice-President, Laurence H. Ball *Representative,* Phyllis L. Bradley
Adviser, Mr. McCann

BUS REPRESENTATIVES

Ashley Falls, Donald F. Curtiss *Bowwow,* David F. Kirchner
Limekiln, Phoebe M. Funk *Brush Hill,* Betty C. Markham
Sheffield Center, James G. Lecakes
Chief Marshall of Service, Phyllis M. Agar
Chief Marshall of Halls, George G. Cronk

Seniors

PHYLLIS M. AGAR

"Phyl"

"For she's a jolly good fellow."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 3, 4
Dramatic Club 4
Student Council 4
Yearbook Staff 4
Class History 4
"The Campbells are Coming" 4
Chief Marshall of Service 4
P. K. R. Staff 2, 3, 4
Office Duty 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
D. A. R. Award 4
P. T. A. English Award 1
Class History 4

Phyllis is a typical "all round" sort of person. Her cheery, amiable disposition makes her well liked by everyone. She is always willing to do a good deed, of which she has done many to help our class become successful. Phyllis likes people and fun, and possesses excellent acting ability. This was well demonstrated in "The Campbells are Coming," in which she played the leading role.

Best of luck, Phyllis, in whatever you strive to do.

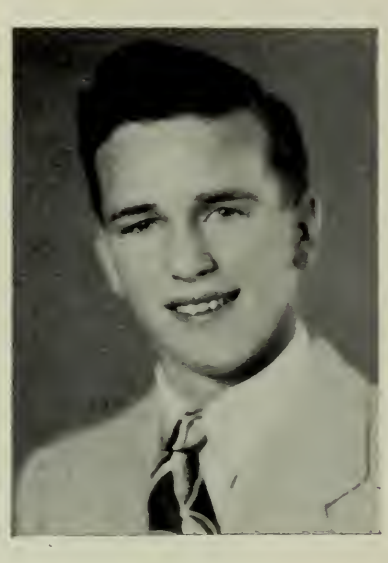
DONALD F. CURTISS

"Donnie"

"Play out the play."

P. K. R. Staff 3, 4
Student Council 3, 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
Class Celebrities 4
Class Vice-President 4
Yearbook Staff 3, 4
Glee Club 3
Traffic Monitor 4
Student Council Vice-Pres. 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Secretary and Treasurer 1, 2
"The Campbells are Coming" 4
P. T. A. English Award 2, 3
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

"Donnie" is one grand guy - a good sport in everything from the time he was knee high to a grasshopper, holding down the bench at basketball games, right through to the Southern Berkshire All Star game in which he was high scorer for the All Stars. Wherever you find "Donnie" you can always be sure of a good time. He is well liked by the fellows and the Sheffield "Femmes" don't think he's bad either.



GEORGE G. CRONK

"Bussie"

"Easy come, easy go."

Chief Marshall of Halls 4
Yearbook Staff 2, 3, 4
Class President 2
Student Council 2, 3, 4
Class Will 4
"The Campbells are Coming" 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
P. K. R. Staff 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 3

The Class of '48 wouldn't have been complete if there hadn't been a "Bussie" Cronk. He's that spark every class needs to see it through. At times he was a little pessimistic, but it just gave us what we needed to help us along those four hard (?) years.

Whatever "Bussie" does, we know he'll do well and will do it with that well-known smile of his.

PHOEBE M. FUNK

"Phoebe"

"If at first you don't succeed
Try, try, again."

Prom Committees 3, 4	Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4	Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
P. K. R. Staff 3, 4	Softball 2, 4
Student Council 2, 3, 4	Dramatic Club 4
Senior Play Staff 3, 4	Yearbook Staff 3, 4
Class President 3	Cheerleader 3, 4
Office 2, 3, 4	Lunchroom 3
Secretary and Treasurer 4	Class Gifts 4

Phoebe is our Senior girl athlete and one of our "star" basketball players. Her ambition and "pep" have gained her popularity among all of the students at S. H. S.

When there is work to be done Phoebe is always there with a willing and helping hand.

As she hasn't decided what field she plans to enter we all wish her the very best of luck in whatever career she chooses.

WILLIAM S. HARTLEY

"Bill"

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words."

Prom Committees 3, 4	Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4	Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
P. K. R. Staff 2, 3, 4	Yearbook Staff 2, 3, 4
Senior Play Staff 3, 4	Student Council President 4
Student Council 1, 3, 4	1947 Class Marshall 3
Class President 1	Chief Marshall of Traffic 3
Class Vice-President 3	Glee Club 3
Salutatorian 4	Traffic Moniter 4

Bill, our tallest boy, has been a great help to his class. Our class chauffeur, Bill has certainly been indispensable, for, without that familiar "Chevvie" to do our errands, we would have been at a loss many times. Bill's shy grin and big heart have won him many friends, both in school and out.

We all know that whatever field Bill may enter, he will be a great success.

BETTY C. MARKHAM

"Betty"

"She profits most who serves best."

P. K. R. Staff 2, 3, 4	Prom Committees 3, 4
Editor-in-Chief 4	Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Vice-President 1	Office Duty 3, 4
Orchestra 3, 4	Yearbook Staff 2, 3, 4
Dramatic Club President 4	Valedictorian 4

Senior Play Business Manager 4
Class Secretary and Treasurer 3
Student Council Secretary and Treasurer 4

Betty, our bright-eyed girl, is untiring in her duty to her class and we count ourselves rich to have such a friend.

Betty is always found at the top where school studies are concerned, having gained the honor of being our valedictorian.

May Betty's pleasing personality carry her far!

SHIRLEY MARTIN

"Shirley"

"As she thinketh in her heart, so she is."

P. K. R. Staff 4
Office Duty 3
Dramatic Club 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
Senior Play Staff 4
Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Class Statistics 4
Yearbook Staff 4
Lunch Room 1
Glee Club 3, 4

Shirley's sweet disposition and pleasing manner make her well liked by her classmates. She is a sincere friend, a good student and a willing helper.

Shirley believes in earning what she gets, and persists in doing any task she undertakes to the very best of her ability.

With these outstanding qualities she should go far in the world.

Good luck, Shirley, in all your undertakings!

E. JEAN STRALEAU

"Jean"

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Class Committees 1, 2, 3, 4
Prom Committees 3, 4
"The Campbells are Coming" 4
P. K. R. Staff 3, 4
Office Duty 2, 3, 4
Senior Play Staff 3
School Pianist 3, 4
Dramatic Club 4
Yearbook Staff 3, 4
Class Prophecy 4

Jean is everyone's friend. Her enthusiasm and charm have been great assets to the Senior Class. She is easy to get along with and is always ready to lend a helping hand when there is work to be done.

Jean is one of our accompanists for assemblies and has done much to enliven the atmosphere at Sheffield High.

Jean will enroll at Bay Path in the fall. We wish her the best of luck—she deserves it!

THEODORE R. WILLIAMS, Jr.

"Ted"

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Montebello High School, Montebello, Calif. 1, 2
Prom Committees 3, 4
Class Committees 3, 4
Baseball 3, 4
Class President 4
Senior Play Staff 3
P. K. R. Staff 3, 4
Student Council 4
Yearbook Staff 3, 4
Glee Club 3
Traffic Monitor 4
1947 Class Marshall 3
"The Campbells are Coming" 4

Ted's wonderful personality and carefree ways have made him many friends at Sheffield High School. He is helpful and reliable, and has done much to make the activities of our class, of which he is the president, successful. We are counting on Ted in whatever field he may choose.

Class Night Program

June 14, 1948

WELCOME	Theodore R. Williams, Jr., *President*
SONG — "The Little Dustman"	*Girls' Glee Club*
CLASS HISTORY	*Phyllis M. Agar*
CLASS WILL	*George G. Cronk*
BAND SELECTION — "Spanish Dance"	
STATISTICS	*Shirley Martin*
CLASS PROPHECY	*E. Jean Straleau*
SONG — "Rally"	*Girls' Glee Club*
SENIOR CELEBRITIES	*Donald F. Curtiss*
CLASS GIFTS	*Phoebe M. Funk*
SONG — "Alma Mater" (Audience Standing)	

Address of Welcome

On behalf of the Senior Class I would like to welcome you to "Class Night".

Tonight you will hear our various class parts, such as our Class Will, Prophecy, etc.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you who contributed to our many activities in the past years which made possible our Class Trip, Prom and other things which would have been impossible without your help. I would also like to thank the Faculty, P. T. A. and Board of Education for those helpful little pushes which kept us on our way and which are making possible our graduation.

After these presentations I do hope all of you will join us in the auditorium for round and square dancing to the smooth rhythm of "Pop" Smith's Orchestra.

THEODORE R. WILLIAMS, JR.
Senior Class President

Class History

Spring is the time of all green and growing things. What a coincidence that we Freshmen, in the spring of our life, enter school.

It was in the S. H. S. hothouse that we set our roots firmly in the soil, and felt the first pull of the plow. All obstacles were cleared away by those experienced tillers of the soil, Mr. Hartley, Mrs. Leafgreen, Mrs. Shook and Mr. Spriggs. They kept bad weeds, such as Latin, Algebra and French well under control.

There were sixteen of us, under the care of our gardeners: Phyllis Agar, Jean Dunham, Phoebe Funk, Betty Markham, Shirley Martin, Jean Straleau, Margaret Winters, Allyn Conklin, George Cronk, Donald Curtiss, Gordon Gibbs, William Hartley, Joseph Greene, Harold Johnson, Richard Klahn, and Martin McGarry.

Sophomore summer came upon us before we knew it. We found the skies much bluer and the sun shone warmly upon us. We held our heads high. They were not yet heavy with a gathering of wisdom and did not droop with the weight but our flowers were unfolding, little by little. We were slowly but surely coming out into daylight. As our Sophomore year was drawing to a close, six of our members left the hothouse for cultivation in other fields, while Phyllis Agar, Phoebe Funk, Betty Markham, Shirley Martin, Jean Straleau, Allyn Conklin, George Cronk, Donald Curtiss, Harold Johnson and William Hartley struggled on, longing for the exalted title of "Junior". Mrs. Shook left us at the close of this year, turning over the hoe to Mr. Williams.

We thought our foliage very brilliant in our Junior year; the little seeds of Freshmen year, who had budded as Sophomores, now had developed toward fruition of all our dreams, hopes and efforts.

At the middle of our Junior year, Mr. Hartley, seeing his crop growing smaller imported a new member from California. This was Theodore Williams, Jr., whom we gladly welcomed as one of us.

After more cultivation and fall planting, Phyllis Agar, George Cronk, Donald Curtiss, Phoebe Funk, William Hartley, Betty Markham, Shirley Martin, Jean Straleau and Theodore Williams, Jr. were ready to receive the final test. Meantime Mr. Spriggs left us for bigger gardening and Mr. Martin took over his task, but only for a short time. He became very sunburned, so he turned his cultivator over to Mr. McCann.

Now is the time of harvest, our fruit is gathered and stored away within our memories and with all the wisdom of the past upon our heads we welcome the approach of spring. The seeds of our new lives are stored away, ready, for the call of coming spring, to put forth our new shoots and push ahead into the new world.

Now we, Phyllis Agar, George Cronk, Donald Curtiss, Phoebe Funk, William Hartley, Betty Markham, Shirley Martin, Jean Straleau, and Theodore Williams, Jr. stand at the end of our course. It seems a sadder time than we expected. The world out side is cold. But we are looking forward to tomorrow when we will enter into the spring of Life's School.

PHYLLIS M. AGAR

Last Will and Testament

We, the class of 1948, in the town of Sheffield, the county of Berkshire, and the state of Massachusetts being in good mental condition and much better temper than usual, do hereby make this, our last will and testament, rendering void any former will that may have been previously made by us during a period of temporary optimism.

SECTION I

ARTICLE I—The Senior Class wills and bequeaths to future seniors the right to be excused from any classes two days ahead of time to do decorating for social events.

ARTICLE II—The Senior Class wills and bequeaths to Mr. Hartley a private secretary to do any and all filing that he may want done. Now he will be able to find his data in a hurry.

ARTICLE III—The Senior Class wills and bequeaths to Milly Smith a robot so she won't have to spend the entire lunch hour pouring fruit juice.

ARTICLE IV—The Senior Class wills and bequeaths to the future freshman the keys to room four. There they will open the door into the world of knowledge.

ARTICLE V—The Senior boys will and bequeath to the under-graduates the privilege to keep the cheerleaders warm on those wintry basketball rides.

SECTION II

ARTICLE I—Shirley Martin wills and bequeaths to Caire Warner her ability to remain calm and collected through all class recitations.

ARTICLE II—Bill Hartley wills and bequeaths his many excuses for being late to Senior English classes to any Junior who wishes to have time to talk to the girls in the hall.

ARTICLE III—Ted Williams will and bequeaths his title of class wolf to Allen Gould. Girls, Beware!

ARTICLE IV—Betty Markham wills and bequeaths Jimmie Carter's attentions, given at noon hour, recess or any time during or after school, to any girl who wishes to be seen with a real "Cassanova." Jim may be choosey, girls!

ARTICLE V—Phoebe Funk wills and bequeaths her ability to refrain from any flirting whatsoever to Pris Hall and Pat Whalen.

ARTICLE VI—Donnie Curtiss wills and bequeaths that vacant seat he will leave beside Dave Ball to any girl who rides on the Ashley Falls bus. That is if Joanne approves.

ARTICLE VII—Bussie Cronk wills and bequeaths his ability to disagree with any and every proposal made by classmates or teachers to Jonh Somes.

ARTICLE VIII—Phyllis Agar wills and bequeaths her famous stage name, "Ma Brannigan," and acting ability to Shirley Curtiss. We shall expect some results, Shirley.

ARTICLE IX—Bill Hartley wills and bequeaths to Harley Conklin his right to taxi the P. K. R. Ad Staff (including Lovina) to Great Barrington. Keep that ford in condition, Harley.

ARTICLE X—Jean Straleau wills and bequeaths her ability to giggle in Mr. McCann's classes and get away with it, to Roma Weser. I'm sure she'll appreciate it.

ARTICLE XI—Phoebe Funk wills and bequeaths her easy-going temper when playing basketball to Shirley Golden. Easy does it, Shirley.

ARTICLE XII—Jean and Phoebe will and bequeath to Mrs. Leafgreen an assistant so while the girls are typing she may leave the room and not find something missing when she comes back.

ARTICLE XIII—Betty Markham wills and bequeaths her "winning personality" to Joanne Hartley. Watch out, Dave!

ARTICLE XIV—Shirley Martin wills and bequeaths to Mrs. Wayne's Glee Club her talented voice to help it be heard in future gatherings.

ARTICLE XV—Donnie Curtiss wills and bequeaths that captivating smile or charm of his to Dave Kirchner so he may never be lonely on basketball trips.

ARTICLE XVI—The Senior Class wills and bequeaths to Isabel Gilligan and Robert Radocchio an alarm clock so they may get to school on time. Don't forget to wind it "kids!"

ARTICLE XVII—We, the class of 1948, do declare this to be our last will and testament:

Bill "Wow" Hartley
Ted "Drop Dead" Williams
Jean "I'm Hungry" Straleau
Betty "Number Please" Markham
Phoebe "I don't think your cute" Funk
Donnie "I don't know" Curtiss
Shirley "You can say that again" Martin
Phyllis "Oh go on with you" Agar
Bussie "Well I'll be dad-gobbed" Cronk

Witnessed and signed this 16th day of June in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty-eight by all members of this Senior Class.

GEORGE G. CRONK

Statistics

We are the class of forty-eight,
And hope we'll amount to something great.

We've come to the place where we must part,
To follow the wish of each one's heart.

In these short lines we now express,
Worthy ambitions toward which we press:

When you need some help in home-making,
Consult Phyllis for decorating.

Donnie is making plans to be
A volunteer for the big army.

And Bussie quite soon may be seen
Wearing the suit of a merchant marine.

Phoebe is surely bound to be
Somebody's private secretary.

Bill is going to M. I. T.
An electrical engineer to be.

To what sure height will Betty soar,
Beyond that of an operator?

To help and nurse humanity's needs
Of body and soul, Shirley proceeds.

Jean to Bay Path has planned to go,
For advance in typing and "steno".

Ted's not the kind to ever shirk,
He plans to try auto-body work.

Too soon we will these portals leave,
And may we our high ideals achieve.

SHIRLEY MARTIN

Class Prophecy

TIME: October 1958.

SETTING: Sheffield High Auditorium

It is the year 1958, and a beautiful evening in October. Everywhere in the town of Sheffield are huge posters reading, "Old Home Week." Many days ago, invitations were sent to all former residents, urging them to attend and stressing particularly this evening, when a wonderful entertainment is to be given. All the talent for this program is strictly home talent. Every performer was at one time a resident of this town, and was graduated from our high school.

The hour for the great event has arrived. Every seat in the vast new auditorium is filled, and all are eagerly awaiting the performance, in which many delightful surprises have been promised. The platform is a mass of beautiful flowers and autumn leaves, and the walls are hung with garlands of pine and laurel. It is truly a festive occasion!

Seated in the audience are many celebrities. As I look about me, I see a number of my old classmates. One person entering, receives a warm reception from the committee at the door. It is Shirley Martin, superintendent of nurses, in a large hospital. If there are any accidents to-night, we feeh sure the sufferers will be properly attended to with Shirley on the job.

A round of applause greets the man just taking a seat by the window. He looks familiar and yet not quite familiar enough. I can't tell who he is. He waves his hands around and talks excitedly. Now, I know who he is! Ted Williams. And what do you suppose he is? Remember how he used to love astronomy and meterology and all that stuff? He's turned his knowledge to good account and now he is the weather man. It was he who furnished the splendid weather for the Old Home Week, and that is why he was so wildly applauded. Every day he sends out his little bulletins and often the weather is just as he predicted.

A woman is sketching the people as they come in, and doing it very well indeed, for I peep over her shoulder to see. Of course you know who that is. Yes, it's Phyllis Agar. They say she has become quite famous as an illustrator of magazine stories and newspaper articles.

And now the entertainment is to begin. There is a hushed expectancy. The lights in the auditorium fade and the footlights flash on.

Before the packed house appears a short, dignified figure who makes an eloquent address of welcome. Some of the well turned phrases sound pleasingly familiar. I remember our famous class debator, George Cronk. He was a lawyer for a time, and now is a judge of the state supreme court. He acts as master of ceremonies also, and after his excellent speech, introduces the performers.

But first he calls attention to the beautiful flowers and other decorations, saying that they were the gift of Betty Markham, now the leading florist of the town. I remember her exquisite taste in decorations in years gone by and am not at all surprised.

The judge announces that after the entertainment refreshments will be served through the courtesy of Miss Phoebe Funk, who is proprietor of the delightful Old Home Tea Room. As he speaks the words, my mouth waters in anticipation, for I have not forgotten the delightful refreshments she served when she entertained the class, years ago.

Now the entertainment proper begins. There is gay music, like circus music. Then on the darkened stage in the spotlight appears a dainty figure, kissing her hand to the audience, as an attendant arranges a wire across the stage. My goodness! It's Jean Straleau, who always said she would be a dancer in a circus. She has certainly kept her word, for she gives us a wonderful performance. The judge says she is the most clever wire dancer in the world. What a salary she must get!

Then the judge introduces a prosperous-looking man who he says is a Broadway song writer, and the author of many popular song hits. It is William Hartley, and he plays and sings for us his last three compositions, and very good they are too. One, written especially for the occasion, and called "Old Home Folks," makes a decided hit with his audience.

And now, out upon the platform strolls Donald Curtiss, with a little book in his hand. He needs no introduction from the judge, for we all recognize him at once. Don, is the author of delightful short stories. He reads us two of them and then gives an interesting talk, telling how his friends in the old home town inspired many of his best stories.

Then last of all the entire audience rises, as the performers all appear on the stage at once. We all sing "Auld Lang Syne" and adjourn for the promised refreshments from Phoebe's Old Home Tea Room. She even serves Mr. Hartley his favorite coffee when he comes, which he is very fond of.

It has been a real delight to see all our old friends so young and prosperous, so generous of their money and talent. In short, it has been an Old Home Week to be proud of and the old home folks should be happy to have such celebrities as these for their very own!

E. Jean Straleau

Class Celebrities

Best Line (Boy) - Ted Williams *Best Line (Girl)* - Phoebe Funk
Class Heartbreaker - Ted Williams
Most Likely to Succeed (Girl) - Betty Markham
Most Likely to Succeed (Boy) - Bill Hartley
Best Athlete (Girl) - Phoebe Funk *Best Athlete (Boy)* - Don Curtiss
Shortest Girl - Shirley Martin *Shortest Boy* - Bussie Cronk
Tallest Girl - Phoebe Funk *Tallest Boy* - Bill Hartley
Best Dancer (Girl) - Jean Straleau *Best Dancer (Boy)* - Ted Williams
Done the Most for the Class - Bill Hartley
Friendliest - Betty Markham
Flirt - Ted Williams
Class Chauffeur - Bill Hartley
Class Musician - Jean Straleau
Class Optimist - Phyllis Agar
Class Pessimist - Bussie Cronk
Class Bluffer - Bussie Cronk
Cutest Boy - Don Curtiss *Cutest Girl* - Jean Straleau
Most Sincere - Shirley Martin
Corniest Senior - Bussie Cronk
Quietest - Shirley Martin
Class Wolf - Ted Williams *Class Wolfess* - Betty Markham
Most Happy-go-Lucky - Bussie Cronk
Class Giggler - Jean Straleau
Best Blusher - Bill Hartley
Our Favorite Piece of Music - "Now is the Hour"
Our Favorite Sport - Basketball
Best Natured Girl - Phyllis Agar *Best Natured Boy* - Bill Hartley
Most Ambitious - Betty Markham

DONALD F. CURTISS

Class Gifts

To Jean, our fair, fair lass,
Who's done much for our class,
We give this ring to friendship bind,
When High School halls we leave behind.

To Ted, we give a monkey wrench,
To use at Macy's first class bench.
To townsmen bring their broken cars,
And drive them out with no more mars.

To Shirley, who'd become a nurse,
We give this bottle of pills,
So there will be no call for a hearse,
When she tries to cure her patient's ills.

To Bill, we give this answer book,
So while at M. I. T.,
He'll have some other place to look,
If neighbors paper's he can't see.

To Betty, who hasn't made up her mind,
We give this little red top;
If she will spin it, she may find
Her career to be where it stops.

To Bussie, who plans in the Merchant Marine to be,
We give this doll for company,
Which he can bounce upon his knee,
While he is far away at sea.

To Donnie, we give this little tank,
So his knowledge of them won't be a blank.
When he joins the Army some bright day,
He may therefore receive much better pay.

To Phyllis, who likes to work in the soil,
We give this little hoe,
If she spends long hours of fruitful toil,
Perhaps her plants will grow.

Our gift to Phoebe
Is this basketball;
For as an athlete
She tops them all.

PHOEBE M. FUNK

SHEFFIELD
HIGH SCHOOL

Classes

JUNIOR CLASS

Back Row, L. to R.: Leonard Stewart, Isabell Gilligan, Elaine MacKenzie, Santi Gulotta, Janet Markham, David Kirchner, Priscilla Hall, Claire Warner, Robert Radocchio.
Front Row, L. to R.: Eleanor Holcomb, James Carter, James Lecakes, President Harley Conklin, John Somes, Shirley Curtiss, Shirley Golden.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Back Row, L. to R.: Lewis Rote, Cornelia Crosler, Agnes Hewins, Anita Charboneau, Laura Straleau, Margaret Maloney, Joanne Hartley, Donald Orcutt, Frank Franklin.
Front Row, L. to R.: Roma Weser, Laurette Kirchner, David Ball, Lovina Bradley, President Kathryn Moesley, Alan Gould, Jean Sidelinger, Patricia Whalen, Nancy Cartinelli.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Back Row, L. to R.: Robert Smith, Barker Buckingham, Claire Pezzatti, Minnie Johnson, Audrey Agar, Carolyn Golden, Helen Pixley, Joyce Funk, Jennie Johnson, Austin Somes, Eugene Kirchner, Robert Curtiss.

Front Row, L. to R.: Anna Pezze, Rose Zamperini, Mary Zucco, Ransler Bartholomew, President John Whalen, John Bachetti, Betty Cartinelli, Hamay Petersen, Charlotte Eichstedt.

EIGHTH GRADE

Back Row, L. to R.: Jerome Nott, Frank Bachetti, Richard Boardman, Ann Nott, Charlotte Holcomb, Ann Markham, Shirley MacKenzie, Nancy Gilligan, Leona Markham, Ann Thomson, Ronald Pezze, Roger Charbonneau.

Front Row, L. to R.: Richard Gibbs, Polly Ann Miller, Eleanor Winters, Richard Curtiss, George Bagnaschi, President Allan Hartley, Roland Mintz, Verna West, Barbara Woodbeck, Rona Sande, Richard Cartinelli.

SEVENTH GRADE

Back Row, L. to R.: Thomas Armstrong, Donald Holcomb, Peter Ohler, Robert Golden, Shears Boardman, Kathleen Nott, Betsy Wright, Ann Macy, June Pixley, Ann Hurlbut, Carol Gilligan, Jerome Kirchner, Herbert Eichstedt, John Cook, Bradley Stewart, John Martin.

Front Row, L. to R.: Jane Franklin, Bertha Ball, Rubina Young, Helen Curtiss, Betty Stevens, President Phyllis Armstrong, Phyllis Bradley, Kathleen Curtiss, Lois Winters, Loretta Castell, Leslie Gibbs.

Activities

School Band and Orchestra

We started our second year of music with approximately the same number in the orchestra, likewise in the band. We lost a few members but gained some new ones keeping both band and orchestra with about the same size.

The following students make up the band and orchestra:

Violins: Phyllis Armstrong, Phyllis Bradley, Loretta Castell, Ann Macy, Betty Markham, Leona Markham, Rebekah Somes, Timothy Somes, Betty Stevens.
Cellos: Phyllis Agar, John Somes.
Flute: Austin Somes.
Oboe: Laura Malnati.
Clarinets: George Bagnaschi, Ann Hurlbut, Richard LeGeyt, Rena Sande, Dora Warren.
Trumpets: James Carter, Harley Conklin, Allan Hartley, Kathryn Moesley, Donald Percy, Verna West.
Saxaphones: Barker Buckingham, Priscilla Hall.
Tuba: John Bachetti.
Drums: Roger Charbonneau, Robert Smith.

At the third annual Western Massachusetts Music Festival held in West Springfield, our orchestra, under the supervision of Mrs. Morton Wayne, received a Class A rating on their two numbers, "The Parade of Puppets" and "Barcarole".

PRISCILLA HALL

Student Council

The Student Council, composed of all class presidents and one representative from each class, is the student governing body. The Chief Marshall of Traffic, Service and Halls and the bus representatives are also members of the Council.

The Council sponsors the Freshman Reception supervises the auditorium during noon hour and acts on behalf of the students when occasions arise.

The 1947-1948 Council officers are:

President - William S. Hartley
Vice-President - Donald F. Curtiss
Secretary-Treasurer - Betty C. Markham

ALAN GOULD

ORCHESTRA AND BAND

Back Row, L. to R.: Barker Buckingham, Priscilla Hall, Donald Percy, James Carter, George Bagnaschi, Ann Hulbert, Austin Somes, Laura Malnati, Dora Warren, Richard LeGeyt, Rona Sande, Verna West, Harley Conklin, Kathryn Moesley, Allan Hartley, Robert Smith.

Front Row, L. to R.: Roger Charboneau, John Somes, Rebekah Somes, Betty Stevens, Phyllis Bradley, Phyllis Armstrong, Loretta Castell, Leona Markham, Ann Macy, Betty Markham, Timothy Somes, Phyllis Agar, Mrs. Morton Wayne (director).

STUDENT COUNCIL

Back Row, L. to R.: John Whalen, David Ball, Alan Gould, James Lecakes, Harley Conklin, David Kirchner, John Bachetti, Roland Mintz, Allan Hartley.

Front Row, L. to R.: George Cronk, Kathryn Moesley, Phyllis Agar, Betty Markham, President William Hartley, Donald Curtiss, Phoebe Funk, Phyllis Armstrong, Phyllis Bradley, Theodore Williams.

The Campbells are Coming

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

On April 28, 29, and 30 the Senior Class of Sheffield High School presented the annual senior play "The Campbells Are Coming" to capacity audiences in the High School Auditorium.

The play was a "farce in three acts," telling of the decision of the Brannigan family to act and dress like hill billies when the Campbells came to visit them at their summer cottage near the Ozarks. Kaye, the elder granddaughter of the Brannigan family, thought she had fallen in love with Kingston Campbell, a young snob she had met in the city, and her family was determined that they would break the engagement.

All the members of the cast were congratulated for the excellent manner in which they handled their parts. Phyllis Agar, as Grandma Brannigan, cleverly changed from a refined lady to an illiterate hill woman when the Campbells arrived; Donald Curtiss, the grandson Dick, who in the second act pretended to be a moron and his wild young sister Betty, played by Roma Weser, were most amusing. Tiny Moesley, as Catalpa the maid, and Harley Conklin, as Bildad her dissolute old father, gave fine interpretations of the characters they represented; George Cronk, who took the part of the peppery old veterinary in love with grandma and David Kirchner, his nephew, Kaye's childhood sweetheart, performed most creditably; Ted Williams the young snob and his doting mother, Claire Warner, were most convincing in their roles; and Jean Straleau, gave a fine portrayal of a young lady just back from college with high-toned ideas.

The cast was as follows:

Ma Brannigan, who lives for her grandchildren	Phyllis Agar
Catalpa Tapp, the hillbilly servant	Kathryn Moesley
Betty Brannigan, Ma's younger granddaughter	Roma Weser
Dick Brannigan, Ma's grandson	Donald Curtiss
Bildad Tapp, Catalpa's father	Harley Conklin
Cyrus Scudder, who wants to marry Ma	George Cronk
Jeffrey Scudder, (Jeff) his nephew	David Kirchner
Kaye Brannigan, Ma's elder granddaughter	Jean Straleau
Kingston Campbell, Kaye's fiance	Theodore Williams
Mrs. Augusta Campbell, his aristocratic mother	Claire Warner

The play was capably directed by Theodore Williams, Vice-Principal of the High School. Miss Phoebe Funk was in charge of costumes while Robert Radocchio handled scenery and William Hartley was stage manager. Janet Markham and Priscilla Hall served as prompter and call girl respectively. Properties were handled by Shirley Martin, while Mrs. Roland Weser was in charge of make-up assisted by Mrs. Martin Leafgreen and Patsy Whalen. Betty Markham served as publicity agent. Tickets were handled by James Lecakes and Betty Markham.

Shirley Curtiss, Eleanor Holcomb, Elaine MacKenzie and Shirley Golden of the Junior Class served as ushers.

SHIRLEY MARTIN

Sheffield High School Girls' Glee Club

Under the direction of Mrs. Morton Wayne, the girls' glee club commenced its musical program for the year with twenty-eight members.

Our first performance of the season was presented to the P. T. A. on November 10. We sang "Rally," "October," and the two popular songs "Cha Baba," and "On The Avenue."

During the Christmas assembly held in the auditorium our numbers were "White Christmas" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

Class Night the girls' glee club added to the program by singing "Rally," and "The Little Dust Man."

As the last event on our musical program for the year we sang the following numbers at graduation: "The Wanderer's Night Song," "The Little Dust Man," and "Now The Day Is Over."

BETTY MARKHAM, '48

Lunchroom

Some twenty girls in Junior and Senior High School served as assistants in the lunchroom doing all kinds of jobs such as: serving, scraping, making sandwiches, making out tickets, etc. This has been very good training for these girls and they have done an excellent job in making the lunchroom an enjoyable spot for everyone.

The girls are divided into two groups which alternate every other day in performing various duties. We are proud to say that the lunchroom has served approximately 170 lunches every day.

PATSY WHALEN

JOANNE HARTLEY

GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

Back Row, L. to R.: Agnes Hewins, Roma Weser, Laurette Kirchner, Laura Straleau, Anita Charbonneau, Lovina Bradley, Claire Pezzati, Cornelia Crosler, Charlotte Eichstedt.

Middle Row, L. to R.: Kathryn Moesley, Jean Sidelinger, Joanne Hartley, Nancy Cartinelli, Joyce Funk, Mrs. Morton Wayne, Margaret Maloney, Anna Pezze, Audrey Agar, Minnie Johnson.

Front Row, L. to R.: Eleanor Holcomb, Claire Warner, Betty Markham, Phyllis Agar, Jean Straleau, Phoebe Funk, Shirley Martin, Shirley Golden, Janet Markham, Priscilla Hall.

LUNCH ROOM CREW

Back Row, L. to R.: Kathleen Nott, Claire Pezzati, Kathleen Curtiss, Betty Cartinelli, Hamay Peterson, Helen Pixley, Betsy Wright, Loretta Castell, Jane Franklin, Jennie Johnson, Barbara Woodbeck, Verna West, Rubena Young, Leslie Gibbs.

Front Row, L. to R.: Anna Pezze, Laurette Kirchner, Cornelia Crosler, Caroline Golden, Rose Zamperini, Mrs. Robert A. Smith, Mrs. Arthur H. Moesley, Mary Zucco, Minnie Johnson, Nancy Cartinelli, Patsy Whalen, Joanne Hartley.

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row, L. to R.: Co-manager Robert Radacchio, John Somes, Lewis Rote, James Carter, Co-manager Harley Conklin.
Front Row, L. to R.: Coach Hartley, Santi Gulotta, Co-captain William Hartley, Co-captain Donald Curtiss, James Lecakes, David Kirchner, Donald Orcutt.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row, L. to R.: Phyllis Armstrong, Roma Weser, Eleanor Holcomb, Lovina Bradley, Laura Straleau, Joyce Funk, Rose Zamperini, Anna Pezze, Elaine MacKenzie, Betsy Wright, Leslie Gibbs.
Front Row, L. to R.: Claire Warner, Patricia Whalen, Shirley Golden, Shirley Curtiss, Captain Phoebe Funk, Janet Markham, Joanne Hartley, Kathryn Moesley, Coach Faivre.
Foreground: Mascot Pam Faivre.

CHEERLEADERS

Back Row, L. to R.: Coach Miss Larkin, Manager Kathryn Moesley, Shirley Curtiss, Elaine MacKenzie, Janet Markham, Anita Charboneau, Phoebe Funk, Roma Weser.
Front Row, L. to R.: Joanne Hartley, Priscilla Hall, Jean Sidelinger, Patricia Whalen, Lavina Bradley, Claire Warner, Joyce Funk, Claire Pezzati.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row, L. to R.: Manager Harley Conklin, Robert Golden, Frank Bachetti, John Bachetti, Robert Curtiss.
Front Row, L. to R.: Coach Hartley, Richard Boardman, Austin Somes, John Whalen, Robert Smith, Roland Mintz, Allan Hartley.

BASEBALL TEAM

Back Row, L. to R.: John Whalen, Frank Franklin, John Bachetti, Ransler Bartholomew, Austin Somes, Roland Mintz, Richard Boardman, George Bagnaschi, Allan Hartley, Robert Smith.

Front Row, L. to R.: Coach McCann, David Ball, Santi Gulotta, Theodore Williams, Donald Curtiss, William Hartley, Lewis Rote, Donald Orcutt, Alan Gould.

Athletic Activities

BASKETBALL

At the windup of the basketball season this year, although the Sheffield boys did not take any honors or championships and though we suffered more defeats than we won victories, I am sure I can speak for the other fellows on the team in saying that we did gain a lot of much needed experience and also had a lot of fun.

The team loses by graduation its guard, Bill Hartley, and its forward, Donnie Curtiss.

The boys who got into scoring positions were:

	Games	*Baskets*	*Foul S.*	*Total*
Kirchner, c	19	73	34	180
Curtiss, rf	20	36	27	99
Gulotta, lf	17	37	16	90
B. Hartley, lg	20	14	19	47
Lecakes, rg	9	10	3	23
Rote, rg	20	4	8	16
Carter, lf	17	3	4	10
Orcutt, rf	14	4	2	10
A. Hartley	2	1	0	2

Other fellows who saw some Varsity action were: Dick Boardman, John Somes, Austin Somes, Bill Rice, Bobby Golden, Bob Curtiss, John Whalen, Robert Smith and Roland Mintz.

Harley Conklin and Robert Radocchio served as our efficient managers.

SEASON'S BASKETBALL RECORDS

Boys

Berkshire Industrial	19	Sheffield	17
Dalton	47	"	13
Amenia	55	"	23
Alumni	7	"	33
New Lebanon	46	"	24
Lenox	47	"	29
Berkshire Industrial	31	"	19
Searles	51	"	20
Chester	31	"	22
Williams	74	"	19
Lee	59	"	21
Lenox	53	"	25
New Marlboro	10	"	37
Searles	72	"	22
Chester	28	"	22
Williams	50	"	12
Lee	65	"	14
New Lebanon	41	"	28
New Marlboro	12	"	44
Amenia	42	"	37
	840		481

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Sheffield girls' basketball team ended its season in second place in the Southern Berkshire Basketball League with seven victories, one tie game and two defeats.

We, also, played three non-league games, the Alumni game which resulted in a 32-24 victory, the Dalton game at Dalton where we suffered a 29 to 14 defeat and the Dalton game here in Sheffield which we won 30 to 22.

The team was invited to compete in the New England A. A. U. Championship Tournament held at Pittsfield on March 4, 5 and 6 with teams coming from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Sheffield accepted the invitation and drew Dalton High School in the first round. In a well played game, Dalton beat us 44 to 31 and then went through to the finals.

The Sheffield team has maintained its high standards under the excellent coaching of Mrs. Robert Faivre.

Graduation will bring the loss of but one member, Phoebe Funk, center forward.

Claire Warner and Roma Weser served as managers.

Girls' Team:

Kathryn Moesley, forward	Janet Markham, guard
Patricia Whalen, forward	Laura Straleau, guard
Phoebe Funk, center	Joyce Funk, guard
Anna Pezze, forward	Rose Zamperini, guard
Elizabeth Wright, forward	Lovina Bradley, guard
Phyllis Armstrong, forward	Elaine MacKenzie, guard
Joanne Hartley, guard	Eleanor Holcomb, guard
Shirley Curtiss, guard	Leslie Gibbs, guard
Shirley Golden, guard	Roma Weser, Assistant Manager

Claire Warner, Manager

SEASON'S BASKETBALL RECORDS

Girls

Dalton	29	Sheffield	14
Alumni	24	"	32
Dalton	22	"	30
Searlest	22	"	16
Chester	9	"	26
Williams	12	"	34
Lee	28	"	28
New Marlboro	15	"	39
Searles	17	"	25
Chester	17	"	16
Williams	19	"	35
Lee	17	"	18
New Marlboro	18	"	55
Dalton	44	"	31
	293		399

BOYS' BASEBALL

This season found twenty boys reporting for baseball to our new coach, Mr. John McCann. The team has improved rapidly and, to date, the boys have won two victories against three defeats.

By graduation, we lose our third baseman, Donnie Curtiss, our left fielder, Bill Hartley and our first baseman, Ted Williams. These boys will leave big shoes to be filled another year.

The team wishes to thank Berkshire School for their kindness in letting us use their field for our home games.

The 1948 baseball squad consists of the following boys:

Donnie Curtiss	Ranny Bartholomew
Bill Hartley	Austie Somes
Ted Williams	Bobbie Smith
Santi Gulotta	Scoopy Whalen
Dave Ball	George Bagnaschi
Frankie Franklin	Dick Boardman
Allen Gould	Al Hartley
Donnie Orcutt	Rol Mintz
Lewie Rote	Bradley Stewart
Johnnie Bachetti	John Cook

SEASON'S BASEBALL RECORD

Williams High School	23	Sheffield	2
Amenia High School	24	"	3
New Marlboro High School	7	"	6
Berkshire Industrial School	7	"	8
New Marlboro High School	10	"	13
Berkshire School Seconds	8	"	5
New Marlboro High School	7	"	6
Amenia High School	14	"	4

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Under the direction of Mr. John McCann a girls' softball team was organized with approximately 21 girls participating.

Games have been arranged with many various surrounding schools. To date, the team has played one game in which they defeated Williams High girls 13-11.

The team is scheduled to play New Marlboro, May 24 and Williams on May 26. A return game is to be played with New Marlboro but the date has not yet been announced. We are negotiating with Lenox for two additional games.

The following girls have attended practice and have participated in the games:

Phoebe Funk
Eleanor Holcomb
Shirley Curtiss
Lovina Bradley
Tiny Mosley
Roma Weser
Laura Straleau
Joanne Hartley
Betty Cartinelli
Ilamay Petersen
Joyce Funk
Rose Zamperini
Mary Zucco
Anna Pezze
Minnie Johnson
Caroline Johnson
Betsy Wright
Phyllis Bradley
Bertha Ball
Ann Macy

PHOEBE FUNK - Girls

DONALD CURTISS - Boys

Graduation Exercises

SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

June 16, 1948

PROCESSIONAL (*Audience Standing*)

INVOCATION — *Rev. Edward K. Thurlow*

SALUTATORY ADDRESS — *William S. Hartley*

SONG — "Wanderer's Night Song" — *Rubinstein*

Girls' Glee Club

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS — *Betty C. Markham*

ORCHESTRA SELECTION — "Barcarolle" — *Offenbach*

ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES — *Seaver B. Buck, Headmaster Emeritus*
Berkshire School, Sheffield, Mass.

SONG — "The Little Dustman" — *Brahms*

Girls' Glee Club

PRESENTATION OF P. T. A. AWARDS — Roger W. Drury, *President*

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLASTIC AWARDS — William J. Hartley, *Principal*

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS — John Somes, *Superintendent of Schools*

SONG — "Now The Day Is Over" — *Barnby*
arr. by Fred Waring

Girls' Glee Club

BENEDICTION — *Rev. Edward K. Thurlow*

RECESSIONAL (*Audience please remain seated*)

Salutatory Address

Parents, Teachers, Fellow Students and Friends, as salutatorian of the Class of 1948, it is my privielge to welcome you here to-night to this all important hour in our life, the hour toward which we have struggled for twelve long years, long years to some of us, fleeting years to others, but, regardless of the passing speed, twelve years to be remembered.

To our parents we, the members of this graduating class, extend a most hearty welcome on this night, a milestone marking the completion of these years of work and study which would not have been possible had you wanted our help at home. Instead you went without in order that we might finish high school. We thank you to-night for this unselfish sacrifice. Success is never half so pleasant as when it is shared with others. To-night we are glad that you, to whom this occasion means the end of long years of tireless effort, are able to join us in our happiness and make it your celebration, too. In fact, since we owe so much to your cooperation, in a sense it is, also, your graduation. To it, we welcome you gladly and hope that you will take as much pleasure from listening as we do in having you here.

To the teachers of our school I extend a greeting on behalf of the class of 1948 and thank them for their patience and hard work which spurred us on to our present position. We want you to know that we fully appreciate the value of your guidance during these important years of our lives. Although this may be the end of study as such, for many of us, it is by no means the end of learning. We know that the years to come and the great school of experience will add much to our store of knowledge that you have already given us. It is this store of knowledge that will help us face these new experiences.

Finally, I wish to welcome the underclassmen and our friends who have so generously stood by us in all our undertakings throughout our high school days, ready to give a helping hand when we so needed it, ready to back us up when we needed backing and ready to urge us on when we needed an encouraging word. We fully realize that the success of our social gatherings was made possible by your excellent cooperation. May the classes of Sheffield High always work together in close harmony to the betterment of all. Soon you underclassmen will take our place and great will be your need of cooperation from the classes beneath you in order to meet the many obligations of a senior class. You are indeed welcome here to-night.

Once more permit me to welcome you as our guests on this our last appearance as Seniors of Sheffield High. When next we gather here we, too, shall be guests, assembled to wish Godspeed to some other senior class, as ambitious and happy as we. To-night we trust that our hospitality may be gracious and pleasing to you. May you obtain as much satisfaction and delight from being here as we have in entertaining you on our last appearance as the Senior Class of 1948.

WILLIAM S. HARTLEY

Valedictory Address

Parents, Faculty, Classmates, Friends:

To-night as valedictorian, it is my duty, on behalf of my classmates, to say farewell.

All through our four years of high school we have anxiously anticipated this occasion, but, now that it has finally arrived, we feel an unexpected sadness that we have no alternative but to bid our school and friends good-bye.

Our class motto "Out of School Life into Life's School" is a vivid reminder that now we stand on a plateau from which we are able to look back on our elementary and high school days and, at the same time, out into a haze called the future.

In the past there seemed to be but one road to travel - well lighted, good shoulders, and willing hands at every turn to guide our stumbling feet along the straight and narrow path. We were sheltered and secure.

Now, as we look out from our plateau the immediate situation seems confused and unpromising. There are many roads but the guide posts seem blurred. Where are the lights we have been accustomed to? Suddenly, we awaken to the realization that now we are entering Life's School in the work-a-day world with no guide but our own intelligence and no teacher save the experience we are about to acquire.

This will be new to us - experience as our teacher. We know that B's and C's and even D's will not be our measure in Life's School. We will be judged critically according to our achievements, but we are comforted by the thought that somewhere in the haze ahead there is a place for each one of us - a future. We shall go on to learn in Life's School of experience. Although our school days end to-night, our education will be continued as long as we live.

So, although we are saying farewell to everything which has become dear to us in high school, we are saying "hello" to a world of unlimited opportunities which await us. It is true that none of us are familiar with the ways of the world but I am sure that if we enter into it with enthusiasm, a will to learn, a genial attitude and a firm faith in high ideals if we are willing to take the bad with the good and bear well, we will achieve our goal. For if the future deals with us as kindly as the past has done, life should carry very great and promising opportunities for each of us. We must go to meet it gladly, remembering that we must progress and not stand still or dwell in the past; and, as we go, carry in our hearts only kind thought of our school, its teachers and our friends.

Before leaving, we want to thank our superintendent, principal and faculty for very patiently putting up with our deviltry, ignorance (as well as our good points, of course) in guiding us through these past four years.

We appreciate the patient manner in which you have endured the many bad moments we have given you during our stay here. We have not always liked the many tasks you have set before us, but we are sure that in years to come, when we face difficult problems in our lives, your words of wisdom and knowledge will guide us through. We hope you will have only kind memories of us and our good intentions. We are grateful for the good educational foundations you have given us, and hope to bring credit to your training.

So to you, our instructors, we can only say, paraphrasing the famous words of Daniel Webster, "If you work upon marble it will perish, if you work upon brass, time will efface it, if you rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if you work upon immortal minds, if you imbue them with principles, with just fear of God and love of your fellow men, you ingrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity."

To our friends of the underclasses we wish success and happiness. May you be worthy successors and bring credit upon yourselves and your school.

Last of all, we want to say good-bye to our dear old Alma Mater which we have loved through the years.

Although we are now leaving school life to enter Life's School, we will cherish the happy memories of our years together and hold gratitude in our hearts for each and every one of you who has lent your kind and generous support to help make this occasion possible.

It is with deep regret that we say thank you and farewell.

BETTY C. MARKHAM

To The Graduating Class of 1948

Our sincerest wishes for your health and happiness—
in whatever career you may choose

SHEFFIELD

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Mr. & Mrs. Philip S. Armstrong
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